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Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 31, 2005

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Applicant: Fanous

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For: **Self-Retaining Retractor**

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT MAILED
OCTOBER 31, 2005**

Dear Sir:

In response to the notice of non-compliant amendment mailed October 31, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows in order to put the application in condition for allowance:

Explanation of **Amendment to Drawings** begins of page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3.